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SUBJ: BURMESE DISPOSAL OF SEIZED NARCOTICS

REFS: (A) BANGKOK 32617, (B) STATE 197939

1. THE GUB DOES NOT RELEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE DISPOSAL OF SEIZED NARCOTICS. THE EMBASSY IS NOT ABLE TO MONITOR DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES.
IN GENERAL, SEIZED NARCOTICS ARE HANDLED THROUGH TWO SEPARATE CHANNELS,
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY. NARCOTICS SEIZED IN POLICE, CUSTOMS AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OPERATIONS ARE CUSTOMARILY TURNED OVER TO THE PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE, INVENTORIED AND HELD AS EVIDENCE FOR USE IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PERSONS DETAINED IN THE COURSE OF THE OPERATIONS. NARCOTICS SEIZED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE PASSED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS TO LOCAL HEADQUARTERS AND THEN TO RANGOON OR ARE DESTROYED ON THE SPOT IF LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS PRECLUDE REMOVAL FROM THE FIELD. MISSION OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY SENIOR GUB OFFICIALS THAT RAW OPIUM SEIZED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS IS TURNED
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OVER TO BURMA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, WHICH HAS AN ANNUAL RAW OPIUM REQUIREMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 50 TONS.

2. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' REPORT GIVEN TO THE PYITHU HLUTTAW (PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY) IN OCTOBER CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ON SEIZURES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1976; IN MILITARY OPER-

ATIONS - 1001 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM; IN POLICE OPERATIONS - 694 KILO-
GRAMS OF OPIUM, 6 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN, 52 KILOGRAMS OF CANNIBIS.
THESE DATA ARE NOT FULLY INCLUSIVE, PARTICULARLY AS THEY APPLY TO
MILITARY OPERATIONS.
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